

Incheon Airport

Free transportation to Incheon International Airport is available from Area II. See page 12 for departure times and locations.

Seoul Word**Spring Yard Sale**

SAMS PTO will sponsor a Spring Yard Sale April 28 at the SAES cafeteria and gymnasium. For vendor contract and more information, call Laura Mcleod at 738-7588.

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ROK, US servicemembers plant hope, strength, prosperity, friendship for generations to come

By Krishna M. Gamble

Editor

"Trees are important to all nations. Trees are the protectors of our Earth. They cool us in the summer, they bond our soil to our land and they provide many products."

These comments were made by Lt. Gen. Daniel Zanini, chief of staff, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea, at the Arbor Day 2001 celebration April 3 at Independence Hall, Chonan, South Korea. Zanini along with soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines from both the USFK and the Republic of Korea forces planted more than 1000 trees on one of Korea's most sacred grounds.

"[Trees] are a monument to the success of its people," Zanini said. "Across this great nation, trees have

grown from a land laid barren by war. When you look across the border that separates this peninsula, you are aware of the differences. You see a country without trees. A country without trees is hopeless. Today, we plant trees for hope."

Planting trees in celebration began in Korea in 392 A.D. during the Age of the Three Kingdoms – Shilla, Paekche and Koguryo. According to historical records, King Jinsa of the Paekche Kingdom planted a "unique beautiful flower" in his garden. Then in 635 A.D., King Mu, also of the Paekche Kingdom, made a pond and planted willow trees around it forming a beautiful garden. In 677 A.D., King Munmu, of the Shilla Kingdom, made a stone mountain and surrounded it with beautiful flowers.

Following the Three Kingdoms, King Hyung Jong of the Koryo Dynasty

encouraged Koreans to plant mulberry, chestnut, pine and lacquer trees to regenerate Korea's beauty, for food and furniture. In 1407 A.D., King Taejong of the Chosun Dynasty ordered Koreans to plant a pine tree every January. He also ordered his people to plant trees in all house gardens and to plant big cone pine trees and another type of pine tree around the royal tombs.

It is believed that the present day Arbor Day began many years ago with the overlapping of Choung Myeng, a period that marks seasonal change and Hansik, which is the 105th day after winter solstice. Koreans celebrate Arbor Day by visiting their ancestors' gravesites and planting flowers and trees.

"In ten years, you can come back and

See "Arbor," on page 17



PHOTO BY SGT. KRISHNA M. GAMBLE

Navy IS3 Anthony St. Thomas of USFK, J-2 and Cpl. Ahn, Sangjill of the ROK Marines, plant one of 1,000 trees at Independence Hall for Arbor Day 2001.

New off-post housing standards available in Korea

USFK Press Release

Soon, arriving service members required to live off-post in Korea will enjoy an improvement in their quality of living because of a new peninsula-wide policy.

The new off-post housing standard is the result of an Eighth United States Army initiative based on an overseas housing allowance increase for Area II U.S. military communities in Korea.

Effective April 2, command sponsored servicemembers and their families arriving in Korea who qualify for off-post housing will see an increase in the affordable standard living space and accommodations commensurate with a newly established OHA rate. The rate is based on rank and "accompanied" status. Military members required to live off-

post during on-post family housing renovation projects also qualify for the new policy.

"While the policy only applies to personnel serviced by an Army housing office, its overall intent is to improve the quality of life for servicemembers and their families living off-post in Korea," said Col. Hal Alguire, assistant chief of staff, engineers, EUSA.

"We're excited about the policy because it brings us closer to significantly improving the overall quality of life in Korea and making Korea more of an 'assignment of choice,'" Alguire said.

Under the old OHA, an E-6, married with three children, could only afford a three-bedroom, one and a half bath, 950 square-foot apartment. An E-6 can now afford a four-

bedroom, two-bath, 1,300 square-foot apartment. Servicemembers may not always be able to rent apartments that meet square-footage requirements in line with the new off-post housing standard. In those cases, OHA will be based on the actual apartment size and amenities, Alguire said.

There are exceptions to the policy, Alguire said. The housing standards are designed to provide an adequate quality of life for our servicemembers. Exceptions to the established standards will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Current leases and occupancy will be grandfathered.

Because of a mandatory assignment policy requiring members be assigned to government quarters if available, servicemembers

already residing in on-post housing will remain in assigned military housing.

According to Alguire, there are some challenges with the new policy. Most importantly, housing availability is supply and demand driven. Because we are competing in the open market for targeted housing, this may require personnel to live further from their assigned installations.

Future housing quality of life improvements for servicemembers in Seoul include ongoing renovations to leased housing on Yongsan Garrison and a conversion project in Hannam Village that creates four-bedroom apartments from existing two-bedroom units. Also, the first phase of high-rise apartment projects for Yongsan is currently being designed.

The new off-post-housing standards policy took effect April 2. Area support groups or area commanders will supplement this policy with local implementing instructions to be published later.

Road closures through-April 12 on Main Post and Camp Coiner due to construction. See map on page 17.

NEWS AND NOTES**Change of Command**

A CJ5/MARFOR change of command Honor Guard Ceremony will be held April 11 at 10 a.m. at Knight Field. The Balboni and CC Seoul parking lots will be closed during the ceremony.

Spring Break!

School's out for a week. See Seoul Schools for a listing of events and activities on page 16.

Balboni Theater

Don't spend evenings home alone. Check out what's playing at Balboni Theater. See page 14 for details.

Community Closures

Holidays, organizational days and change of commands often close community services. Plan your day by first looking at the Community Closures on page 6.

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8th PERSCOM's Personnel Points

By 8th Personnel Command

Commander's corner: We've been busy improving our service and support to the great soldiers on the peninsula. Already, results are showing with red carpet treatment at the 1st Replacement Company, improvements to the Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program, revitalization to the Homebase Advance Assignment Program, improvements in database accuracy, approval of the E-5 conditional promotion and instituting the Personnel Tempo. We are also working the centralized in and out processing initiative for Area II and the on line levy briefing. These initiatives will vastly improve convenience and reduce frustration for you, our customers. We will continue to keep you abreast of improvement and

program and policy changes as they occur, for we are committed to supporting soldiers. — Col. E. Eric Porter

TRICARE dental plan & DEERS information: It is extremely important that all soldiers with new address information ensure that the new address is correct on the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. DEERS is the system of records for medical eligibility and access for military and family members. If you have medical or dental claims that have been delayed, one reason for the delay may be incorrect or outdated information in DEERS. There are several ways to update your address:

- Go to your nearest ID card issuing facility.
- E-mail changes to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil.

[pentagon.mil](mailto:addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil).

- Mail changes to the DEERS Support Office, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.

- Go to the TRICARE website and update the address at <https://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/>

**Note: Any information submitted via the website is unsecured and could be observed by a third party while in transit.*

Career status bonus/REDUX retirement plan: The fiscal year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act changed the retired pay system, effective Oct. 5, 1999, for members of the service that initially entered the military service on or after Aug. 1, 1986. These members who meet certain qualifications have to make a determination between the CSB/REDUX and the prior HIGH-3 Retired Pay Plan. DA, PERSCOM is working with MACOMs to identify the service members that have this choice. Once identified, their eligibility will be

determined and they will be informed to contact the appropriate office (retention or Military Pay Office) to make their choice. For further information on the CSB / REDUX Retirement Plan review the succinct information paper posted on the 8th PERSCOM Web Page at www-8perscom.korea.army.mil.

Conditional promotion to sergeant: You said we needed it, 8th PERSCOM asked for it, and the Army got it. Effective May 1, The Department of Army will authorize conditional promotion to E-5 when one of the following circumstances exist: 1) When the soldier is operationally deployed, 2) When a soldier is on temporary profile which prohibits Professional Leadership Development Course attendance, 3) when the promotion authority provides substantiating documentation to indicate the soldier has been scheduled for PLDC and has a reserved training seat. This conditional promotion will not exceed 12 months.

Assure parking, vehicle safety in Korea

By Yongsan Provost Marshal's Office

In Korea, you have (certainly noticed) the congestion on the roadways and in parking lots due to the large number of vehicles trying to occupy limited space at the same time. Often drivers yield to the temptation to illegally park their vehicles. This is a problem both on and off post. Army Regulation 190-5, United States Forces Korea 190-1 and 34th Support Group Command Policy #5-6 and #7-3 provide guidance on parking do's and don'ts (see sidebar).

Since USFK recently expanded authorization for privately owned vehicle licensing and registration by USFK members, POV traffic on military installations has been on the rise. Not only does this place a burden upon roads, but it also exacerbates the existing shortages of designated parking areas. Due to the ever-increasing volume of POVs, parking violations are becoming more frequent and pose a safety hazard in numerous areas.

The following are some of the costs to the community incurred as a result of improperly parked vehicles.

- Illegally parked vehicles add to the

congestion on post and slow down essential traffic hindering mission accomplishment.

- Illegally parked vehicles often block access to delivery and service personnel.
- Emergency vehicles sometimes find it difficult to access certain areas when parking violators block their path.
- Many minor traffic accidents involve improperly parked vehicles.

· Military Police personnel are frequently forced to respond to parking violations/accidents and issue parking citations or oversee towing, effectively diverting law enforcement resources from their primary mission of force protection and from other community support missions. This concerns us all, as it affects the safety of our community.

The following are steps you can take to help alleviate the problem.

- **Try carpooling to work.** You will save money on gas, help alleviate roadway congestion, arrive to work more relaxed than if you had been driving in heavy traffic, and you will help reduce parking congestion on post.
- **Arrive at your destination early.** This increases your chance of obtaining a

legal parking space. There is nothing more frustrating than running late and finding no legal parking available. Getting a ticket in addition to being late is not the way to start the day.

- **Ride a bike to work.** Not only can you bypass traffic congestion, but this economical alternative will also permit you to sidestep the whole parking

dilemma.

By insuring compliance with parking regulations, you can make everyone's time in the Republic of Korea more enjoyable. If you have any questions regarding parking, refer to AR 190-5 and USFK 190-1.

If you still have questions contact the Military Police desk at 724-3004.

Parking prohibitions

No person shall park a vehicle:

- On a sidewalk.
- In a crosswalk.
- In front of driveways.
- On railroad or streetcar tracks.
- At any place narrow enough to make passing difficult, dangerous, or impossible.
- On a roadway or shoulder within 100 feet (30 meters) of the crest of a hill.
- Beside another vehicle parked parallel to the curb or on a roadway shoulder.
- Where official signs prohibit parking, when the curbing is painted yellow, or when the roadway is marked in yellow or white.
- Within 20 feet (six meters) of a fire hydrant, crosswalk, bus stop, or intersection.

- Within 20 feet (six meters) of a driveway to any fire station or similar emergency facility, on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station or similar emergency facility, or within 75 feet (23 meters) of the entrance.
- Within 30 feet (nine meters) of the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.
- On a grassed or seeded area on U.S. military installations.
- Stop, park, or leave a vehicle attended or unattended where it is prohibited. In any event, an unobstructed width of the highway opposite a vehicle must be left for the free passage of other vehicles.

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NEWS & NOTES

Safety Officer Course

The Safety Officer Course (English) has been rescheduled. The next course will be offered Apr. 30 - May 4. Those personnel already registered for the January class will be reregistered for the April course. If you are not available for the April course, call Joe Colson at 738-4643 or Jeff Hyska at 738-5253.

Boy Scout Dinner Cancelled

The annual District Awards and Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner scheduled for April 7 is cancelled.

New Yongsan Commissary Hours

The Yongsan Commissary has changed its operational hours. New hours are Sunday: 10a.m.-7 p.m., Monday: Closed, Tuesday: 10a.m.-7p.m., Wednesday: 10a.m.-7p.m., Thursday: 10a.m.-8p.m. (Night Owl Shopping), Friday: 10a.m.-8p.m. (Night Owl Shopping), Saturday: 10a.m.-7p.m.

New Hannam Store Hours

The Hannam Village Commissary new operating hours are as follows: Sunday closed; Monday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday 11a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Yard Sale

Vendor contracts for people interested in participating in the SAMS PTO Yard Sale April 28 are available at the PX ID desk, commissary ID desk and the SAMS office. Call 738-7588 for more information.

Asbestos Awareness Training

DPW Environmental is sponsoring an Asbestos Awareness Class. English class will be held April 12, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and Korean class at 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information call 724-6498.

Travel Charge Card Operating Hours

Travel Charge Card Office is located at bldg. 2254 room 216B. Operating hours are Mon-Wed, Fri 9a.m.-5p.m., Thursday 1p.m.-5p.m. Call 725-VISA for any question.

Teaching Classes in Arts & Crafts

Anyone interested in teaching a class or classes in arts and crafts call 738-5254 or e-mail byrdwelchb@34sg.korea.army.mil to discuss a possible contract.

AFKN name and logo head for retirement

AFN Korea Release

American Forces Korea Network is going off the air after more than 50 years of service, though audience members will have to be paying attention to notice the difference. As of April 2, the familiar round AFKN logo and acronym has been replaced by the new logo and AFN Korea name.

The name change is being made to bring it in line with the worldwide family of military radio and television stations, the American Forces Network.

"The only thing changing is the name," said Wallace Cornelison, chief of Broadcast Operations. "The service is going to be the same. You can call us anything, but this will meld with the worldwide AFN brand."

At the heart of that brand is the American Forces Radio and Television Service, located on March Air Reserve Base, Calif. AFRTS provides the bulk of the entertainment, news and sports the audience sees and hears. Regional networks, such as AFN Korea, and local stations, such as AFN Taegu, insert their news and command information announcements to give local commanders a way to get out their information. The result is a calculated mix of local, regional and global information and entertainment.

"AFKN has evolved over the years," said AFN Korea Commander Lt. Col. Gary L. Keck. "There was a time when we did our own programming and had autonomy. But in this global environment, with multiple program streams, we are part

of the bigger family of military broadcasting."

"It makes sense now to officially change our name now and give the audience a brand that follows them wherever they serve overseas," said

Keck. "One team, one fight."

"In Korea, you'll see the new logo and hear the new name, we'll make sure the word gets out through radio, television and our new website, afnkorea.com," commented Keck.

"I would like to think the services we provide are exceptional, even though there are challenges in serving everyone with limited broadcast resources."

AFKN has been providing those broadcast services to the U.S. military community serving on the Korean peninsula for 50 years.

"Through the years the number of people working at AFKN has gone down, but the services have increased dramatically," Cornelison said. "We bring a touch of home to the soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines serving here."



The network was born in the first months of the Korean War. On Sept. 27, 1950, the Japan Logistical Command General Order #84

officially created the 8214th Army Unit, which evolved into the present-day AFKN. Lead elements of the network came ashore during the Incheon landing and set up broadcasting facilities in the partially destroyed American Embassy in Seoul.

The station signed on Oct. 4, 1950 at 12:41 p.m. with a newscast that led with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's demand for Kim Il Sung, commander-in-chief of North Korean forces, to surrender.

AFKN operated in mobile radio vans that followed shifting battle lines. Fluid battle conditions caused the first AFKN radio stations to use call names such as Radio Kilroy, Radio Vagabond, Radio Comet and Radio Mercury to identify themselves.

At the conclusion of hostilities, the network settled into fixed locations, most of which are still active today. The network added black and white television in 1959 and color television in 1976. The AFRTS Satellite Network began in 1983, providing AFKN the ability to bring time-sensitive news and sports direct to its audience.

In 1988, AFKN became the first AFRTS network to cover an Olympiad — the 24th Summer Olympic games in Seoul.

"We worked hand-in-hand with NBC to broadcast the Olympics," said Cornelison.

In 1997, AFRTS began sending multiple broadcast streams providing additional television services to audience members with access to installation cable television.

In 2000, the network took a giant step into the digital age with the acquisition of nonlinear video server technology and digital news and post-production editors.

NEWS & NOTES

Expert Field Medical Badge Test

Expert Field Medical Badge Test is open to all Medical MOS/AOC soldiers at Warrior Base on the DMZ April 6-16, and April 18-28. This test is to identify the best combat medics in the armed forces. For more information contact Capt. Jason Wilson 730-2729.

Scholarship

Members of the Delta Sigma Theta are offering scholarships to high school seniors. Applications must be received by April 13 to be considered and recipients will be notified before April 30. An honors banquet will be held May 19. Call Carla Price at 795-9583 for more information.

Child Find

Early Intervention Services provides free developmental screening and evaluation services for children age birth to three. If you have questions or concerns regarding how your child talks, walks, moves behaves, eats, sleeps or plays, contact EDIS/ EIS Kim Oak-chu 738-6792/5043.

Flea Market

The Junior class of Seoul American High School is sponsoring a basewide flea market on Saturday, April 28 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Seoul American High School. The cost for a table is \$15. Also, if you have unwanted items you may donate these to the junior class. Point of contact is Joan Oana at 011-9715-6526.

Community Fun Fair

Army Community Service and Child and Youth Services will sponsor a Community Fun Fair April 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the CDC parking lot on South Post. For more information call 738-5311.

Masters Singles Scratch Bowling Tournament

Sponsored by Budweiser & Anheuser Busch, Annual Masters Singles Scratch Bowling Tournament shall commence qualifying rounds of play on April 7 and 8. Yongsan Lanes shall host their part of Budweiser Masters on May 5 and 6. Semi-Finals & Finals will be at Yongsan Lanes May 12 and 13. For more information call 723-7203.

Potentially hazardous product recalled

By AAFES Press Release

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, N.Y., is recalling about 20,000 infant and toddler Intelli-Table toys for repair. The Intelli-Table is being recalled because the red knobs on the yellow and white rings can break off, creating small parts that could pose a choking hazard to young children.

Fisher-Price has received 32 reports of the red knobs breaking off. No injuries have been reported.

The Intelli-Table is a round, plastic activity table with a blue, removable top that uses three interchangeable play rings to activate various electronic activities. The toy is intended for

children ages nine to 36 months. The base of the Intelli-Table is red with three legs that are blue, yellow and teal green. The play rings are white, yellow and teal green.

The toy has the Fisher-Price logo on the blue removable top. The model number 77148, the words "Mattel, Inc." and "China" are molded into the bottom of the red base.

Only models manufactured between Sept. 25, 2000 and Oct. 7, 2000 are being recalled. The recalled models have a date code from 2690 up to and including 2810 molded

into the underside of the blue, removable top. The list of affected date codes are as follows: 2690, 2700, 2710, 2720, 2730, 2740, 2750, 2760, 2770, 2780, 2800 and 2810.

Toy, mass merchandise and discount stores sold the toy nationwide from October 2000 through March 2001.

Consumers should take the toy away from young children immediately, and visit the Fisher-Price's web address www.fisher-price.com to order a free repair kit with replacement knobs. The repair kit consists of two replacement knobs with new screws.



Take precautions for safe fun

By 34th SG Safety Office

Though swings, slides and jungle gyms provide hours of amusement, playground injuries are the leading cause of injuries to students ages 5-14 in the school environment. Parks and playgrounds are prime places for falls, knee scrapes and bruises. In fact, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, most injuries occur on: 1) swings 2) monkey bars or climbers 3) slides.

And falls to the surface are the number one contributing factor in playground injuries.

To prevent falls and other scrapes, The National Association for the Education of Young Children suggests the following:

Do a daily check of playground equipment and its surroundings. Look for sharp edges, rough surfaces and loose or broken parts. Replace or repair

equipment. Keep area clean from glass, litter and large rocks. Check for and remove poisonous plants.

Since falls account for most playground injuries, installing an impact absorbent surface is the most important safety precaution. The ground under and around playground equipment should be covered with the recommended amount of impact-absorbing material. The CPSC has conducted tests on the shock-absorbing properties of commonly used loose-fill surfacing material to develop recommendations of appropriate depths for specific fall heights. Loose-fill materials include wood chips, shredded bark mulch, sand and pea gravel. Commercially manufactured playground surfacing materials (known as unitary materials) are also alternatives. Unitary surfaces save money over time because sand and wood chips require maintenance and frequent

replacement. If a manufactured surface is used, it should be identified as meeting American Society for Tests and Measurements standards.

Recognize that cement, asphalt, grass, and hard-packed sand and soil are not recommended surfaces underneath or around equipment. Rake sand and other loose materials frequently to keep surface soft.

Supervise children closely to prevent misuse of equipment, such as swinging too high, running close to moving swings, or playing on equipment that is too advanced.

Teach children to play safely. Involve them in making rules for playground behavior and enforce rules consistently. Praise children when they use the playground appropriately. Remove misbehaving children from play and explain how their actions could hurt someone.

Make sure play areas are protected from streets and traffic to decrease the chance of a child darting into the roads.

Place fencing around any surrounding water (stream, pond, drainage ditch, etc.) to prevent drownings.



NEWS & NOTES

Attention SFC

The sergeant first class Selection Board will convene on May 31 at EREC. The eligibility criteria are: must have a DOR of June 30 or earlier, must have a BASD of May 30, 1982 through May 30, 1995. Contact the enlisted record section at A Det, 516th PSB, to review your records or with questions. Call DSN 723-5777/5420, POC is Sgt. Coleman or Sgt. 1st Class Rivera at 723-4192.

School Bus Evacuation

The Seoul Student Transportation Office will conduct school bus evacuations through end of April. For concerns or questions, call the STO at 738-5032.

QM Laundry and Dry cleaning Services

A laundry and dry cleaning service web page is now available on USFK web site for U.S. military (including KATUSA), DoD employees and their dependents. Web Page: <http://www.korea.army.mil/index1.htm>. For more information, call 736-6666.

Spouse Education Assistance

AER and the Navy/Marine Corp. Relief Society offers education assistance/scholarships to spouses who are currently with their sponsors in Korea. For more information, call Gwen McCarthy at 738-4655 or stop by Rm. 214 in Bldg. 4106 to pick up an application.

Hangul Safety & Occupation Health class

The 34th Support Group Safety Office will conduct 40 hour Hangul Safety & Occupation Health training at the 38th Chemical Detachment Classroom, Bldg. 4832 April 23-29, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The course is open to all Korean National employees assigned to Area II. Registration deadline is April 11 and each attendee's unit must pay for any TDY cost. For more information, call 738-7206.

AFTB class

Introduction to Leadership-level II Series class will be given on April 10 from 6-9 p.m. in the Community Services Building. Classes offered will be Family Support Groups, Time Management, and Stress Management. Call 738-3617.

Aerobics class

Aerobics low impact, high impact and step classes take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. at the Collier Field House, second floor. Fee is \$2. Call 738-8608.

SAMS PTO sponsors weekend chili feast

By Krishna M. Gamble

Editor

"I loooooove chili!"

This proclamation came from seven-year-old Dan Franchy as he enjoyed a bowl of chili at the Seoul American Elementary School cafeteria March 31.

This chili feast, featuring a variety of homemade sauces such as turkey chili, pork chili, Brazilian chili, Hispanic chili, and vegetable chili, were all part of the Seoul American Middle School Parent Teacher Organization efforts to help raise funds for the school library.

"We are raising money to improve our library," said Silvia Papp, event coordinator for SAMS PTO and middle school teacher. "Our library is very, very small and very, very empty right now. The money collected today will go towards buying books for the kids and software for the computers."

Less than one year old, SAMS has become a major focal point for parents and children in the community by providing a medium for social development that was lacking when children went from elementary school straight to high school.

"The middle school was a very positive move for this community and it is apparent by all the input we get from our parents and how much they appreciate it," said Alexia Venglik, SAMS

principle. "I continue to be surprised by the strong parent support the school has received."

That support is one of the main functions of the PTO according to Barbara Eikmeier, president of the SAMS PTO. Two other functions include communication and education to parents and raise funds that support school programs.

"It's an organization that works with the school and the parent," Eikmeier said.

SAMS PTO is working with the middle school to purchase more books for the library. When the seventh and eighth graders were

without adequate space for the library, we don't have the number of volumes that would make us at the minimum requirement level to meet the standard for [National Collegiate Accreditation]," Venglik said.

Venglik says the school will still receive accreditation and fund-raisers like the chili feast will help the school out a lot.

"[This PTO has] been so active and so supportive to the school. The board has been easy to work with and they are continuously trying to find ways they can help the school," she added.

"We have a great PTO. They put together a lot of



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Dennis Fyfe, freshman at SAHS, serves Hispanic chili to patrons at the chili feast. Fyfe was one of several high school students who volunteered to help out March 31.

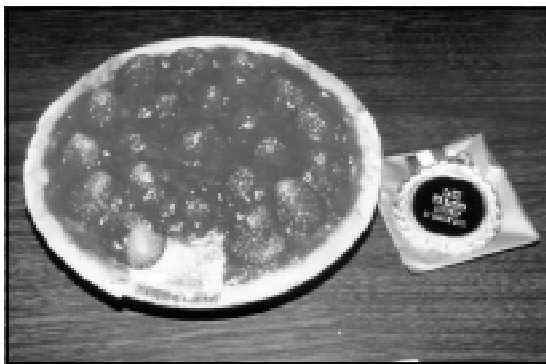


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Kate Bialke's French Strawberry Pie won the gold medal during the old-fashioned pie baking contest.

moved from Seoul American High School and the sixth graders were moved from SAES, books from both of these libraries were used to create the middle school library.

"Because we started

creative ways to [raise money] to help out with the kids," said Deena Cousar, SAMS sixth grade Language Arts teacher.

Along with the chili feast, there was also an old fashion pie-baking contest, a basket raffle and a quilt raffle. Kate Bialke won first place with her French Strawberry Pie; Jacqueline Phillips won second place with her Apple Pie and third place went to Melissa Keck for her French Apple Pie. The winner of the quilt was Maj. Lee Oliver, Eight United States Army.

"I really enjoyed coming here today. The chili was delicious and the desserts were very, very appealing," said Sgt. Stephanie Jones, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Support Group.

"This is something I look forward to getting involved in with my children once I move back to the states."

NEWS & NOTES

**S/D and P/G Competition
Under the ROK Army Special
Forces Group**

Preliminary competitions will be held on April 29 and the main competition on May 4-5 at the ROKA Special Forces School. For more information call 722-4457/4320.

Baby-sitting Training

For ages 11-15 there will be a baby-sitting training at the American Red Cross Bldg. 4278, April 23-24, 26-27 from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Call 738-3670

AER Campaign

Army Emergency Relief Campaign run through May 15. Contact Area II representative 1st Lt. Thompson to contribute. For more information call 738-7218.

**Area II Intramural Softball
League**

Unit teams desiring to participate in this program must register at Yongsan sports office no later than April 22. Coaches meeting is on April 24 1p.m. at Collier Field House. For additional information contact the sports office at 736-4032.

Softball tryouts

The Yongsan men and women post level softball team tryouts begin April 7 at 1p.m. For more information, call 738-8606 or 738-5009.

**BOSS Fashion Bash
Cancellation**

The event of the Boss Fashion Bash on April 7 has been cancelled.

EUSA Band

EUSA Army band will have a small Ensemble concert on April 14, 2 p.m. at Moyer Community Activity Center. Call 725-6079 for more information.

**Magic the Gathering Regional
Qualifier**

Magic the Gathering Regional Qualifier will take place in Yongsan Moyer CAC April 14. Registration is at 9 a.m. and tournament will be from 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$20. Call 011-9671-1829 for more information.

COMMUNITY CLOSURES**POL Closure**

The POL will be closed through mid-April. The temporary POL point for all vehicles that use Mogas will be at the Main Post DPW fueling site located within the gate behind Bldg. 1380. Hours are: Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. and Saturday/holiday from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The JP-8 fuel points are located near the exit of the Transportation Motor Pool. Hours are: Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday/holidays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Capt. Swartz or Staff Sgt. Seymour at 738-7214.

**U.S. Armed Forces Claims
Service-Korea**

The U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service-Korea will close on April 11 due to a Claims Function Audit. Point of contact is Master Sgt. Delara at 738-8058 or Staff Sgt. Gould at 738-8242.

501st MI hosts language olympics

By Sgt. Stephen F. Pizzini

501st Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs Office

It is the desire of every competitor to reach the pinnacle of their event, to be recognized by their peers, and to have fun doing it.

The fifth annual Peninsula Language Olympics held at Yongsan's Embassy Club March 30 offered Department of Defense career Korean linguists just those incentives. It was also, by Sgt. 1st Class Kang, Tae Soon's reckoning, a great way to train and encourage linguists.

Kang is the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade's Command Language Program Manager, which makes him responsible for planning and coordinating the Peninsula Language Olympics.

"This event is both a training opportunity and a competition," said Kang. "It's not stressful for the linguists, it's just fun."

As the overseer of the event for the first time this year, Kang decided to make some changes to make the competition a little more inclusive.

"We wanted to open the competition up for everybody, not just the lower level linguists," Kang said. "We were looking for maximum participation on all levels"

person Korean-speaking teams (14 at the upper level, 13 at the lower level) from across the Republic of Korea, as well as one team each from Japan and Hawaii. The competition tested participants in two of four functional language skill areas, listening and reading. Events included a "Jeopardy"-like game show, an impromptu speech contest and a game in which one partner would describe a word so that his or her partner could correctly guess the word, similar to the television game show "Password."

Also part of the competition was an event in which competitors watched video clips from Korean television programs and answered questions about what they had seen and heard on the clips.

For Air Force Staff Sgt. Crystal D. O'Connor of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron at Osan Air Base, it was this part of the competition that challenged her the most.

"The T.V. [event] was tough to follow. There was a lot of information to get

in a short time," said O'Connor.

Sergeant Steve Finlan, a Peninsula Language Olympics competitor with the Special United States Liaison Advisor Korea at Yongsan, said that for him, the impromptu competition was the most challenging event, and the most fun.

"You don't know what you're getting into," said Finlan, "And it's a true reflection of your language skills."

The Peninsula Language Olympics is modeled after the World Wide Language Olympics held each May at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. That competition includes competition for all languages taught by the DLI. Kang says



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Jerrett R. Cook of the Counter Intelligence Detachment, 500th Military Intelligence Group in Japan, gives clues during the "Password" event.

winners at this level, who are rated 2/2 or above, are highly encouraged to take their skills to Monterrey to compete.

"I'm hoping to go to Monterrey," said O'Connor, "And I'll be taking it up with my chain of command as soon as I get back."

The best part about the competition, said Kang, "is getting all the linguists together in one place."

Specialist Michael D. Nicholas, a contestant from the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion at Camp Humphreys, agrees with Kang's assessment, saying he likes "the fact that you [compete against] linguists from different units that you don't normally get to work with. Also, it brings together a lot of people that you've known before through [the Defense Language Institute]."

The Peninsula Language Olympics is "a morale booster, and a confidence booster for linguists" said O'Connor.

Knowing that is worth the three months coordination it took to organize this event, said Kang.



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Specialist Jillian K. Gerten of Company B, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion at Camp Humphreys, gives clues to her partner.

In past years, the event included only those linguists who rank somewhere in the middle of the DoD linguist ratings. The DoD Language Institute rates linguists (using the Defense Language Proficiency Test) in four proficiency categories: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

In the past, contestants could be rated no higher than a 2 out of a possible 4 in either the Korean reading or listening categories, which makes them about average among the ranks of DoD Korean linguists.

The event was expanded this year to include linguists who have achieved a higher level of proficiency with the language. But, the upper level (rated "2 plus" or above in any two categories) competed separately from the lower level (any linguist rated below "2 plus" in two of the four DoD categories).

The competition hosted 27 two-



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Senior Airman James A. Malowski of the 324th Intelligence Squadron in Hawaii, searches for the answer to the clues of his partner during the "Password" event at the Peninsula Language Olympics March 30 at Yongsan's Embassy Club.

Do you want To bring your spouse to the U.S.?

By Capt. Joseph G. Bergen

Legal Assistance Attorney

While living in Korea, many Americans decide to marry a Korean or a third country national. You should realize that your spouse is not guaranteed entry into the United States. Rather, your spouse must acquire a visa, which can take up to six months to obtain. Below are answers to commonly asked questions. All the information was provided by the U.S. Embassy in Seoul.

What type of visa must my spouse obtain?

If you want your spouse to live with you in the U.S., then your spouse will need an immigrant visa.

I want to get an immigrant visa for my spouse. What should I do first?

Your first step should be to obtain Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative. Fill it out, and file it at the appropriate INS office.

Can I file Form I-130 at the US Embassy in Seoul?

Only those who reside in Seoul can file Form I-130 at the US Embassy in Seoul. Everyone else must file at the INS office where they reside. The INS will determine where you reside. As a rule of thumb, U.S. military and civilian DOD employees with orders to Korea, and US citizens employed by a private company, are considered to reside in

Korea.

I reside in Seoul. Must I present any documents before filing?

Yes. Before filing with the INS, active duty servicemembers and civilian DOD employees must show their orders. Everyone else who is eligible to file at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul must present a residence card and/or employment documents.

What must be included in Form I-130?

When filing Form I-130, include a copy of your passport, marriage certificate, proof of termination of any previous marriage of you or your spouse, your spouse's birth certificate and the birth certificate of any children you may have or the family census register, \$110 filing fee, and individual passport-size color photographs of you and your spouse taken within 30 days of filing the petition. If your spouse is from a third country, you must also include a copy of his or her passport.

What happens after I file Form I-130?

After filing Form I-130, the INS will consider your visa petition. If approved, there are two more steps before your spouse can obtain a visa. First, your spouse should complete all the forms and documents in Packet 3. Second, your spouse must attend an immigrant visa interview.

Where can I get Packet 3?

If the INS approves your visa petition, it will forward your petition to the Immigrant Visa section (IV). The IV will then send you Packet 3. This packet contains instructions on how to fill it out and a checklist (SEO-31) of documents you must gather before your spouse's interview.

Among the documents required for Korean Nationals is a Korean Police Certificate. Those who have lived more than 6 months in a country other than Korea and the U.S., must also obtain a police certificate from the proper authorities in that country. Furthermore, a police certificate from any place that your spouse has been arrested must be included in the packet. A Korean Police Certificate may take up to two weeks to obtain. Police certificates from other countries can take considerably longer.

As soon as your spouse assembles the appropriate documents, sign Form SEO-31 and send it to the INS. DO NOT send any documents in advance of your spouse's interview.

What else must my spouse do before the interview?

A Korean National is required to obtain a PR passport (emigration passport) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Your spouse must present the cover letter from Packet 3 before

applying for the PR passport.

All spouses must also be medically examined by an Embassy approved physician. The cost of such an examination will be between 80,000 to 120,000 won. Packet 3 contains a list of approved medical facilities. However, your spouse must have the appropriate forms from the U.S. embassy before getting such an examination. Furthermore, Korean nationals should not undertake the medical examination without their PR passport.

How do I go about setting up an interview?

Your spouse can schedule a visa interview in one of two ways. First, your spouse can call the embassy. Call 02-397-4387 if your spouse's last name begins with the letter A through Kim; call 02-397-4581 if your spouse's last name begins with the letter Kima through Z.

Second, your spouse can schedule an interview by mailing in a completed Form SEO-31. Send your form to:

American Embassy Seoul
Immigrant Visa Unit
82 Sejong-ro, Chongro-Ku
Seoul 110-70.

Be sure to include a copy of the identity page of your spouse's passport.

See "Spouse," on page 17

Things aren't always as they seem

By Chaplain (Col.) Samuel J. T. Boone
Area II Staff Chaplain

Prior to reporting to active duty as a chaplain I worked at a large church in Nashville Tennessee, Woodmont Christian Church. Each year members of that church pen daily devotions that lead up to the Easter celebration. I still receive a copy of that devotional booklet. Lizzy White wrote one that caught my eye this year. She told the following story:

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guestroom. Instead the angels were given a space in the basement. As they made their bed on the cold floor, the old angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger ask why, the other angel

replied, "Things aren't always as they seem."

The next night the angels came to rest at a house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed, so that they could get a good nights rest. When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel asked, "How could you let this happen?" The first man had everything, yet you helped him," she accused. "The second family had little, but was willing to share everything, and you let their cow die."

"Things aren't always as they seem," the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of the rich man's house, I noticed there was gold stored in

the hole in the wall. Since the owner was obsessed with greed and unwilling to share in his good fortune, I sealed the wall so that he wouldn't find it. The last night we slept in the farmer's bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave her the cow instead. "Things aren't always as they seem."

Just like when Mary saw that Jesus was missing from his tomb, she assumed something had gone wrong and that his body was stolen. Then an angel came to her and said that He had risen and to tell the disciples the news of His resurrection.

Have you ever asked God for something and when it didn't happen you grew angry, but found out that what you asked for wasn't what you needed? How often have we missed God's voice and misjudged someone or something that God has placed in our lives? *Because, things aren't always as they seem.*



PHOTO BY LISA M. RILEY

Chaplain Sam Boone is the 34th Support Group and Area II staff chaplain. He is Co-Pastor of the 8 a.m. Collective Protestant worship service at Memorial Chapel. He is a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Special Holy Week and Easter Service

Thu	April 12	7 p.m.	"Living Last Supper"	South Post Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	Episcopal Holy Eucharist	Memorial Chapel
		8 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass (RC)	Memorial Chapel
Fri	April 13	12 p.m.	Good Friday Service (CP)	South Post Chapel
		12 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (RC)	Memorial Chapel
		5 p.m.	Passion of the Lord (RC)	Memorial Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	Episcopal Good Friday Liturgy	Memorial Chapel
		7:30 p.m.	"7 Last Words of Jesus" (IDWS)	Memorial Chapel

Sat	April 14	8 p.m.	Pascal Vigil (RC)	South Post Chapel
Sun	April 15	6 a.m.	Community Sunrise Service	South Post Chapel
		6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service	Camp Colbern

Passover

Religious Retreat Center Passover Celebration April 6-9 Mr. Rosenberg 753-7768

All other services as regularly scheduled. For more information call 738-3011.

Bus schedule to Incheon Airport announced

Staff Report

Incheon International Airport is open. Personnel arriving and departing Korea on commercial flights will use Incheon, which lies 40 miles west of Seoul.

Adjacent are shuttle schedules available to U.S. Forces Korea personnel, from various locations throughout the peninsula. Usage fees for the shuttle are noted, where applicable.

This schedule may change, as traffic patterns to and from the airport develop.

Camp Hovey/Camp Casey to Incheon Airport - Cost: \$50

LV	Cp Hovey	5 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
	Cp Casey	5:30 a.m.	3 p.m.
AR	Incheon	8:30 a.m.	6 p.m.

LV	Incheon	9:30 a.m.	10 p.m.
	Cp Casey	12:30 p.m.	1 a.m.
AR	Cp Hovey	1 p.m.	1:30 a.m.

Yongsan Bus Terminal to Incheon Airport - No Cost

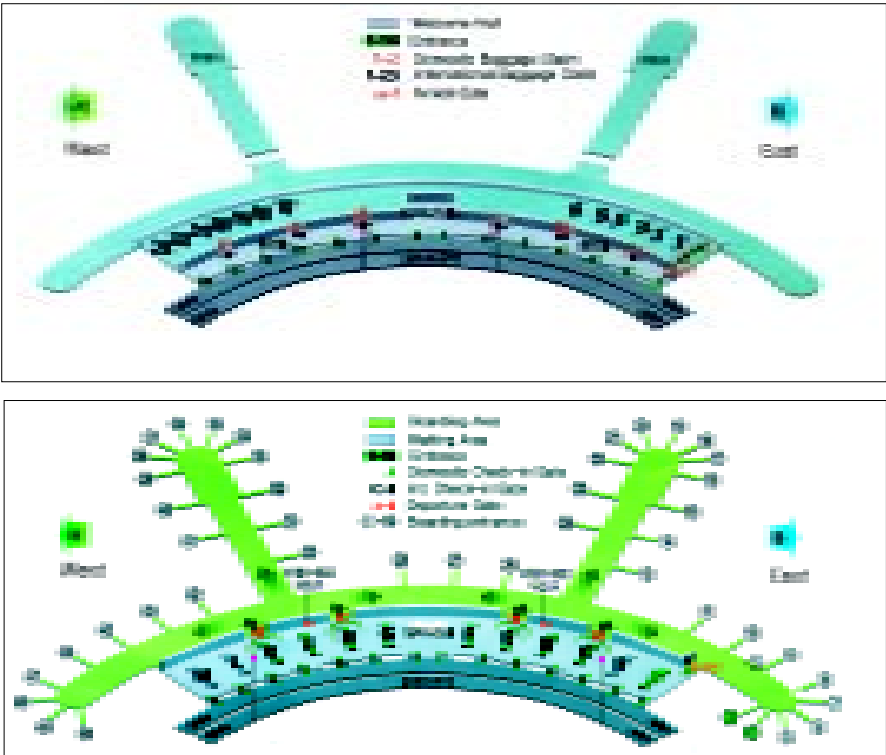
LV	Bus Terminal	6 a.m.	noon	3:30 p.m.	8:50 p.m.
	Dragon Hill	6:03 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	3:33 p.m.	8:53 p.m.
	SP#51	6:10 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	3:40 p.m.	9 p.m.
AR	Incheon*(Dep #5)	7:19 a.m.	1:19 p.m.	4:49 p.m.	10:09 p.m.
	*(Dep #11)	7:20 a.m.	1:20 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	10:10 p.m.
LV	Incheon*(Arr #1)	7:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	5 p.m.	10:20 p.m.
	*(Arr #26)	7:32 a.m.	1:32 p.m.	5:02 p.m.	10:22 p.m.
	SP#51	8:40 a.m.	2:40 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
	Dragon Hill	8:48 a.m.	2:48 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	11:38 p.m.
AR	Bus Terminal	8:50 a.m.	2:50 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	11:40 p.m.

* Dep #5: KAL, Asiana
Arr #1: KAL, Asiana

Dep #11: United, Northwest and CONUS carriers
Arr #26: United, Northwest and CONUS carriers

Osan AB to Incheon Airport - Cost: \$15

LV Osan	5:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
AR Incheon	8 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
LV Incheon	10 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	10 p.m.
AR Osan	noon	10:30 p.m.	12:30 a.m.



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These diagrams depict the airport's basic layout. All U.S. carriers are located in the West Terminal. Arriving passengers will disembark the aircraft on the third level, move to immigration and take the escalator down to baggage claim where they will be met by 1st Replacement Company personnel and directed to Customs which is located behind baggage carousel #23. After clearing customs, PCS passengers will proceed through Door F to begin in-processing. Leave and TDY persons may go to the AAFES Taxi Stand/USO Desk to get transportation information.

How to get to Incheon International Airport from Yongsan:

- Left at Gate 5 (leaving from Main Post)
- Bear right at intersection at entrance to Itaewon onto PanPo Blvd.
- Take upper level of PanPo Bridge (after passing TMP)
- Make first right at end of bridge onto Route 88 West (88 Olympic highway)
- Stay on Route 88 until the Incheon Airport Exit
- Take the Incheon Airport Exit (onto Highway 20) clearly marked right hand exit)
- Hwy 20 is the Incheon International Airport (IIA) Expressway – toll road
- Stay on Highway 20 all the way to the Airport (about 44 kms on Hwy 20)
- Stop at the Toll Gate en route. POVs: W6,100 for sedans and W10,400 for vans
Government Vehicles: no charge, just provide license plate #
- Continue on IIA Expressway (Hwy 20) and follow Airport Main Terminal signs to the type of parking or arrival/ departure areas (all in English and easy to read and follow)

AAFES Taxi Service to and from Incheon

AAFES taxi service will be available from Yongsan to Incheon International Airport at an estimated cost of \$45 under normal conditions and excluding the highway toll charge. The cost is the same going to and returning from the airport.

No AAFES mini-bus service is available as of yet, but the Seoul authority is preparing to launch a new kind of transportation within the coming weeks.
For more information, call 738-6357 or 738-5114.

April 6 - April 12			
April 6	"15 Minutes"	R	Fri. 6 & 8:45 p.m.
April 7	"102 Dalmatians"	G	Sat. 1 p.m.
	"15 Minutes"	R	Sat. 3:30, 6 & 8:45 p.m.
April 8	"15 Minutes"	R	Sun. 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:45 p.m.
April 9	"The Pledge"	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
April 10	"Sugar and Spice"	PG-13	Tue. 7 p.m.
April 11	"Sugar and Spice"	PG-13	Wed. 7 p.m.
April 12	"Cast Away"	PG-13	Thu. 7 p.m.

"15 Minutes"

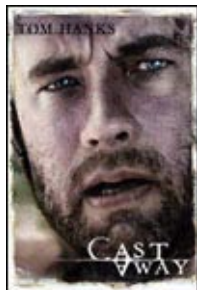


starring
Robert DeNiro, Edward Burns

In an age when almost anyone can be famous for fifteen minutes, what does fame mean? And what are we willing to broadcast on national television? Join a homicide detective and a fire marshal as they team up to solve a case.

Rated:R

"Cast Away"



starring
Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt

A FedEx systems engineer whose personal and professional life are ruled by the clock, must transform himself physically and emotionally to survive a crash landing on a deserted island.

Rated:PG-13

April 13 - April 19			
April 13	"Exit Wounds"	R	Fri. 6 & 8:45 p.m.
April 14	"Rugrats in Paris"	G	Sat. 1 p.m.
	"Exit Wounds"	R	Sat. 3:30, 6 & 9:30 p.m.
April 15	"Save The Last Dance"	PG-13	Sun. 5 & 7:30 p.m.
April 16	"Finding Forrester"	PG-13	Mon. 7 p.m.
April 17	"Finding Forrester"	PG-13	Tue. 7 p.m.
April 18	"Snatch"	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
April 19	"Snatch"	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

"Exit Wounds"



starring
Steven Seagal, Isaiah Washington

Orin is a tough cop in an inner-city precinct who discovers a web of dirty cops and corruption. That's his cue to kick butt and take names!

Rated:R

MWR News

Table Tennis Tournaments

Every Saturday in April, Moyer CAC invites all Table Tennis Players to gather at 2 p.m., in Game Room #208. Come over and show us your skill. For more information, call 723-3265

Cyber Cafe

Twelve computers are currently available at Moyer CAC, Room #203 to use for Internet/E-mail, Computer Graphics, and Computer Games. For more information, call 723-7568

Moyer's Local Qualifying 9-Ball Pool Tournament

April 8, at 2 p.m. Moyer CAC Local Qualifying 9-Ball Pool Tournament will be held in Game Room #208. Winner will qualify for the Area II 9-Ball Pool Tournament April 14, 10 a.m.. For more information, call 723-3295

Boss Meeting

Monthly BOSS meetings are scheduled at Moyer Community Activities Center today for Area II and April 20 for Yongsan at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 738-5254

PAEMST awarded to SAES kindergarten teacher

By Jennifer Powers

Student Intern

Dawn Klass, kindergarten teacher at Seoul American Elementary School was selected as one of 600 national finalists for the presidential award for excellence in math and science teaching.

Klass set off on her trip to Washington D.C. March 6 with one of her family members. The award is presented annually to math and science teachers from all over the United States, Puerto Rico, United states territories, and U.S. Department of Defense schools.

The award is not open to just anyone but has many eligibility requirements. Among the eligibility requirement are that the teachers must have at least five years of K-12 teaching experience in science and or math. Past Presidential awardees are not eligible. Award

recipients receive a \$7,500 grant from the National Science Foundation, to be spent at the awardees school under their direction to improve math and science programs. Klass said that she would like to discuss the money issue with the school administrators to help her in deciding what to do with the money.

The PAEMST was established in 1983, honoring the nations' leading mathematics and science teachers in four categories: elementary mathematics, elementary science, secondary mathematics, and secondary science.

Klass, Presidential Award recipient in Elementary Mathematics, is a graduate of University of North Carolina. Receiving the award is a great achievement and honor, which is also a once in a lifetime chance.



PHOTO BY PVT. HAN YOON-HOO

Dawn Klass was selected as one of 600 national finalists for the presidential award for excellence in math and science teaching.

Engineer know-how, young minds equal success

By Lt. Col. Jerry C. Meyer

EUSA Deputy Assistant Chief Of Staff, Engineer

What do you get when you combine young, motivated, innovative minds with experienced, dedicated, engineer know-how? Seoul American High School students and members of the Korea Post of the Society of American

Military Engineers found it, the formula for success in a recent partnering effort.

The Junior Science & Humanities Symposium Program is a grade 8-12 science research program. All grades 8-12 students enrolled in Pacific Area Department of Dependents' Schools are eligible to participate in the program.

The goals of the program are to: promote research and experimentation in the sciences, mathematics and engineering in grades 8-12; recognize the significance of research in human affairs; recognize talented youth; encourage student researchers to continue their research efforts in science, mathematics and engineering; expand the horizons of research-oriented students; increase the pool of future adults capable of conducting research.

To be eligible for attendance at the JSHS Regional Symposium March 26-29 in Tsukuba City, Japan, a student needed to complete an acceptable research project and write an acceptable research paper.

Among the goals of the S.A.M.E. is the promotion of engineering among young people.

"We were looking for ways to increase the visibility of engineering in the high school, and when we heard of the students' needs, this appeared to be a way to further our goals by contributing through mentorship," said Jerry Meyer, S.A.M.E. junior vice president. "Our board recognized the great opportunity in forming such a partnership. Our membership responded well to the call for volunteers. As an enticement to orient research toward

engineering, we offered to pay up to \$50 in research costs to each student whose project related to engineering."

Last year, Seoul American High School had one student do research that earned a trip to the Region Symposium in Japan. According to David Cullen and Jane Powell, SAHS teachers, and sponsors of the JSHS program, "A lack of available mentorship was one of the reasons for lack of student participation last year. The selfless service and expertise in a myriad of engineering-related disciplines offered by the S.A.M.E. membership was exactly what we needed for the students this year. We're sending 10 students to Japan this year, and six have been selected to give formal presentations." Among those students displaying posters this year in Japan are Joanna Terry, Nicholas Kim, Hannah Lee, and Joel Lee. Those giving formal presentations include Benjamin Lee, Matthew Chang, Evyonne Lee, Sarah Bradford, Sarah Jung and Lisa Denio.

"This is great representation from Seoul American High School, since only 25 or so students from the entire Pacific Region were invited to give formal presentations," commented Cullen. "We are already excited about having an even stronger program next year."



PHOTO BY LT. COL. JERRY C. MEYER

Along with sponsors and S.A.M.E. mentors, Seoul American High School students presented results of their research efforts at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Regional Symposium held March 26-29 in Tsukuba City, Japan.



By Jennifer Powers

Student Intern

"No more teachers, no more books," or at least for ten days that is. Spring break for students attending Seoul American High School, Middle School and Elementary School begins today and goes through April 15.

The Teen Center is having an adventure camp April 9-13 for grades 6-12. You must be a

Youth Services member to attend. Also for kids interested in computers, arts and crafts the teen center offers a computer camp and arts and crafts classes. Lifeguard training will be provided for ages 15-18.

Keystone and torch club members are taking a trip to Cheju Island for three nights and four days. The high school members will go April 7 and come back April 11, while the

middle school members will be there April 11-15. The trip will consist of repelling, hiking, life training, wacky Olympics, talent show, and more.

If family members are coming to visit or the idea of staying at home suits you, the bowling alley offers cosmic bowling and the Balboni theater has new movies daily. So, instead of missing out on the fun, get out in the sun!

Have fun in the sun!

Spring Fever

With the winter weather gone and the warm spring weather and sunshine upon us, it is very easy to "forget" about the school bus rules.

We would like to take a moment to remind you about the guidelines for appropriate behavior on the school bus, found on our bus registration handbook.

"Behavior and excessive noise that distracts or impedes the driver is not only unsafe but dangerous."

We appreciate your support for the school bus safety rules so we may promote a safe riding experience for all to enjoy. Thanks to all our great parents and students for your continued cooperation with PACTMO.

Falcons defeat Burger King, seek conference championship

By Joyce Crabb

Student Intern

Not even a small snow shower could stop the Seoul American High School Falcon boys attack on the Burger King Team in a soccer duel which ended in a Burger King defeat of 5-2 March 28.

BK put up a good fight against the Falcons with aggressive offensive players, Uhyoln Nam and Yongme Yi. Several shots were put on Falcon keeper David Fondacaro but only two managed to roll by. Falcon's David Lee and Jonathan Kim each ripped two balls into the net and Kyle Parker put one in.

This particular game was a friendly competition to gain experience for the SAHS boys. "This was the best game

of the season. We worked hard on improving defense, and it showed. We also had better field position," said Steve Boyd, Falcons' coach. The BK team competed in a Korean soccer league for several years, but this was their first match since last year. They appeared to be slightly rusty and spoke of how they were going to prepare for the next game against the Falcons.

"We need more practice. Our last game was a long time ago, one year ago, [and] we need to improve our skills and have a good team," said Nam, BK manager. "Working [at Burger King] is hard and causes stress, [and] the game was a good stress reliever."

For the Falcons, the ultimate goal is

winning the Korean-American Interscholastic Athletic Conference and eventually, the Far East.

After Saturday's match against Seoul Foreign School, where Falcons defeated SFS 3-1, they are currently leading in the KAIAC standings. KAIAC is a competition between several high school soccer teams for the best in country.

In scoring for KAIAC, teams receive no points for losses, one point for ties, and three points for wins. SAHS boys currently have 18 points. This year, the boys will go to Taegu High School April 27-May 1 for final competitions.

"I hope that we play well as a team.

We have a number of individuals who are good, but it takes coming together as a team to do well," said Boyd. "It took us almost half the season to get that together."

Far East, which is a week of soccer matches between all overseas Department of Defense Dependent Schools, takes place this year at Misawa Air Base, Japan, May 21-24.

"I'm looking forward to going to the coach's old stomping ground and bring home a championship," said David Lee who is the leader in goals with 13 in the KAIAC standings.

The Falcons' next scheduled game is April 18 against Seoul International School at Falcon Field.

"Arbor" from page 1

see how big the trees you have planted have grown," said Park Yu-chul, president of Independence Hall.

"With the growing cooperation between the two Koreas, the Korean-US alliance is considered more important than ever," said Wayne Chumley, president of Daimler-Chrysler Korea. "The US Business community is confident that through events such as today's, with the two militaries planting dreams together, we are investing in our future. We will continue our efforts to bring the two nations closer together as partners of the future."

Grouped into two person teams, USFK and ROK service members each donned a pair of gloves, grabbed a shovel and began the task of planting trees which "symbolize the bond between two nations.



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The trees planted by ROK and U.S. service members were donated by Visit Korea 2001, the USO and Daimler-Chrysler Korea.

"Trees are the sign of a great nation. A prosperous nation, a nation that is at the forefront of economic, social and intellectual development," Zanini said.

"It's of great importance to be out here and show our friendship with ROK soldiers," said Marine Cpl. Josh Fisk, Marine Forces Korea. "It's my token of appreciation to the hospitality

they have shown us[since] coming into their home and their country. It's a very important day to me."

"I used to do this with my daughter in the states. Every year we would plant a tree," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Cheryl St. Louis, USFK, J-1. "It's something that's good to do."

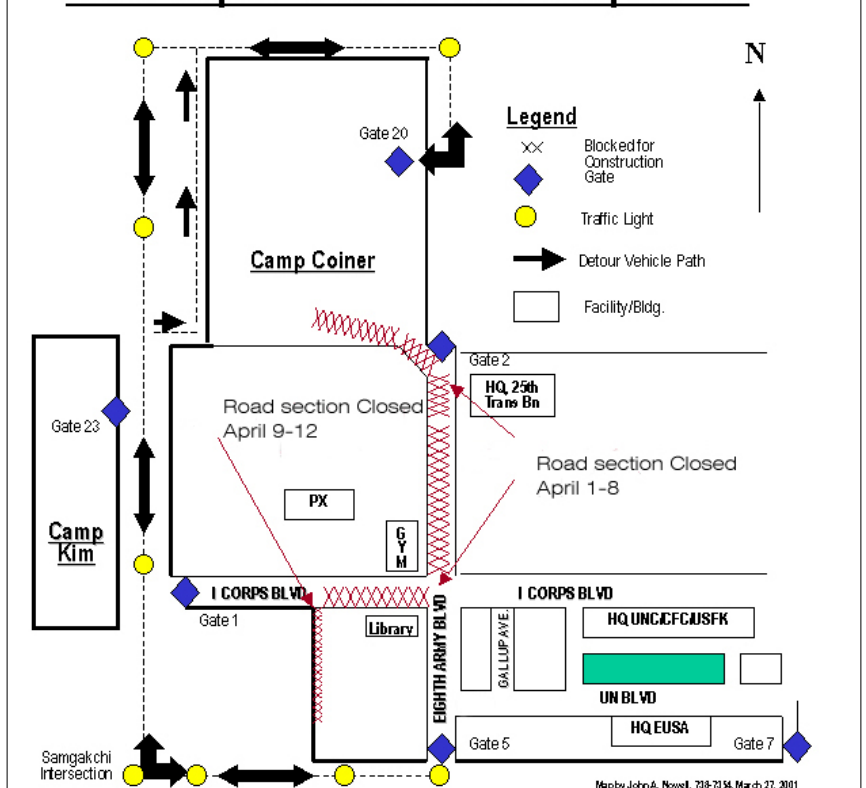
"I'm a nature boy, I love nature. I come from the country. Anything that's

done to improve the environment, I'm all for it," said Army Sgt. Corey Burgess, 121st Hospital.

Arbor Day, presently observed throughout the world, originally came from the state of Nebraska in the US. It is most commonly observed the last Friday in April, but a few states celebrate at other times to coincide with the best tree-planting weather.

Road Closures!

Basic Map of Main Post and Camp Coiner



Due to the Phase I-Yongsan Power Distribution Upgrade, the community on Main Post and Camp Coiner will continue to experience a number of road closures during this period. The above map shows the areas affected by these closures.



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Sergeant 1st Class Eugene Garcia, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 34th Support Group, left, and Sgt. Ahn, Jin-woo, 557th Military Police Company team up to plant one of the trees.

"Spouse" from page 8

May I accompany my spouse to the interview?

Yes, but remember that all questions will be directed to your spouse.

How long are interviews?

Immigration interviews tend to be brief. If all goes well, your spouse

may be able to obtain a visa that day.

What must be brought to the interview?

Your spouse must bring a \$260.00 non-refundable application fee. If your spouse is granted a visa, an additional \$65 must also be paid.

In addition to the application fee,

you as the sponsor should bring an Affidavit of Support (Form I-864). If your current income cannot support an immigrant according to the levels set by the INS, consider including a joint sponsor Affidavit of Support.

Keep in mind that you, as the

sponsor, are obligated to provide support of 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, 100% if you are a servicemember.

Remember, getting a visa for your spouse may take some time. You should start planning and making arrangements as soon as possible.

AAFES scholarship goes to local student

Staff Report

A Seoul American High School freshman won third place, \$2000 in U.S. savings bonds, in the latest "You Made the Grade" contest sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Sarah Bradford, daughter of Darryl and Yon Bradford, holds a 4.1 grade point average, but encourages everyone eligible for the program to send in their entry.

"I didn't expect to win at all, there was a little questionnaire that I had to fill out and then it was 'surprise - you won,'" Bradford said.

Everyone who has a 3.0 average (B) or above gets a coupon book with about \$50 in discounts from AAFES. "There's a questionnaire in the front. I just filled it out and gave it to the teacher, who did something with it, then somebody came to the office and said I won," she explained.

"I don't think I even read what the questionnaire was for, I know when they told me I won \$2000 I was asking myself how.

"I would really like to thank Miss (Joan) Spencer, my English and Seminar teacher, for encouraging us

to fill out the forms. I would have blown it off if it wasn't for her. I was thinking

'Who's going to win this anyway.'"

Winning the contest may have been a minor surprise for Bradford, but for her mother it was a total shock.

"My mom was taking a nap, when I walked in the door, I sat down and said 'Mom, I just won a \$2000 savings bond.' I thought she was asleep, but she bolted right out of bed. I've never seen anyone sit up so fast," Bradford said.

While the bonds can be used anyway the student wishes, Bradford says she knows exactly where the money is going, "My parents would give me a slow and painful death if I don't use my savings bond for college.

"Nobody really thinks they're going to win something like this," Bradford added, "but it's really easy to enter. All you have to do is get a B average, fill out something and who knows - you might win."

"I will say, as glad as I am that I won the \$2000, it will be really nice if I can win again next year since they are



PHOTO BY CPL. HUH SUNG

Colonel Steven D. Holtman, 34th Support Group commander, and Billy Hautt, Capital Exchange Yongsan and Area II general manager present the 3rd place winner of "You Made the Grade" contest, Sarah Bradford, with \$2,000 in U.S. bonds

prize is \$10,000.

"AAFES is committed to encouraging students to do their best in school, but we know with the mobile life many of our customers' children live, sometimes keeping a 4.0 average is difficult," said Sgt.

1st Class Paul L. Sweeney, AAFES Public Affairs, Korea. "This program

not only rewards good students, but it's also our way of giving something back to the community for their support."

The program is open to all students from sixth through 12th grade who are 17 years or younger with a B average. The student's entries are forwarded to the AAFES Headquarters in Dallas, where the drawing is held quarterly. The next drawing is in July.

"This program not only rewards good students, but it's also our way of giving something back to the community" for their support."

doubling the prizes. Third place will be \$4,000, second \$6,000 and the grand

DeCA eliminates social security numbers on checks

By Kevin Hennelly

Defense Commissary Agency News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — Starting in May, the Defense Commissary Agency will no longer require customers to put their Social Security Numbers on checks when paying for their groceries. It's another example of how the commissary is listening to customers and giving them what they want.

"Our customers are telling us they are increasingly concerned about disclosing personal information on their checks that may result in 'identity theft,' violations of personal privacy, fraud or personal financial loss. We are listening to our patrons and are taking the steps needed to reduce their exposure to these risks," said Air Force Col. Ed Jones, DeCA's

comptroller.

DeCA's strategic plan directs employees to listen to customers and make it easier for them to use their commissary benefit. Commissary managers have opened stores earlier, closed them later and offered new services in response to customer suggestions.

But sometimes customer concerns go beyond store hours and product selection. As national anxiety over identify theft mounted and various civilian retailers stopped asking for SSNs, military shoppers began asking DeCA to change too. As a result, customers will have extra security and the convenience of not having to write their SSN on a check when shopping at

the commissary.

DeCA is taking these positive steps even though there was little or no risk in DeCA's current requirement for SSNs on checks.

"There is a very low probability of customers having their identities stolen or their Social Security Numbers misappropriated at a DeCA commissary," said Fred Stein, DeCA's security officer. "Our customers' checks are safeguarded like cash and remain under positive control of appropriate commissary personnel until they are deposited in the bank."

But just to be sure, DeCA worked hard to change its systems. This means that by May, commissary patrons will no longer be required to show a SSN on

the front of their personal check. It also means that the agency is modifying its cash register system to stop printing SSNs on the back of checks. Most importantly it means that DeCA has succeeded in developing a closed system to safely retain the SSN to comply with U.S. Treasury guidelines for collecting bad check information. The cashier will enter this information when the customer's identification is checked at the register.

"The results of this re-engineered business process will ensure transaction confidentiality and appropriate audit trails are maintained with the assurance that individual identity is protected," said John Goodman, DeCA's program manager for the cash register system.

Hacker of Army computers, alias 'Coolio' jailed

Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Special agents of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command helped bring computer-hacking charges against a New Hampshire teenager after he attacked three Army computer systems.

Dennis Moran, 18, who went by the online name "Coolio," was sentenced March 9 in Carroll County Superior Court, New Hampshire, to 12 months incarceration (three months suspended) and ordered to pay \$15,000 in restitution to the victims of his crimes.

Moran's sentence followed guilty pleas in January to three separate charges relating to gaining unauthorized access to several computer systems.

The charges stemmed from a February 2000 compromise of three U.S. Army computer systems - one at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; another at Fort Monmouth, N.J.; and a third at Fort Campbell, Ky.) He also attacked an Air Force computer at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., and two civilian computers. All of the Department of Defense computers were Domain Name

Servers, which officials said act like the white pages of the Internet, directing inbound and outbound traffic to the correct destination.

Moran obtained control over the computers and officials said he could have caused significant damage by redirecting Internet traffic.

"He intentionally damaged the U.S. government computer systems which lost integrity and had to be rebuilt," said CID Special Agent David Shaver. "Sending malicious virus codes, hacker intrusions, or denial-of-service attacks against

government computers is a threat to the Army that cannot be tolerated."

Shaver went on to say special agents at the CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit don't capture hackers alone.

"CID coordinates with an extensive list of state, federal and international law enforcement agencies in pursuit of cyber criminals," Shaver said. "Once given the authorization, CID will review hacker log files and digital evidence in order to identify and prosecute the intruder, whether

in the continental United States or a foreign country."

Special agents assigned to the CID Computer Crime Investigative Unit use their extensive computer network experience, and every other investigative tool available to catch cyber attackers, Shaver said. Many of these skills needed for tracking computer criminals have grown out of military research into protecting its computers from wartime threats, he said.

Editor's note: Information taken from a CID Command news release.

Korean medical consultants appreciated

By 18th Medical Command

The 18th Medical Command and 121st General Hospital commander, Col. Edward C. Huycke recently hosted the 18th Medical Command Korean Consultants Dinner at the Hotel Capital. The annual dinner is held to show appreciation for the more than 200 Korean medical doctors and dentists with whom the physicians and dentists assigned to the 18th MEDCOM consult. Over the years, this event has helped to build a strong bond between the U.S. doctors and dentists assigned to Korea and their Korean counterparts. Many of the Korean consultants are members of the Korean Medical Association, as well as many have been formally trained in the U. S. in schools of medicine and dentistry.

This year's dinner was particularly special because it had an enormous turnout of Korean consultants; nearly 100 consultants attended. Many of

the guests that were in attendance are distinguished hospital directors, clinic and department chiefs for world-renowned hospitals, as well as professors at medical colleges. One of the most distinguished guests in attendance was Dr. Kang Sim-myung, the first consultant to the 18th MEDCOM/121st General Hospital. Kang's contributions to the 18th MEDCOM as a consultant span more than 20 years, when the 121st General Hospital was the 121st Evacuation Hospital.

The guest speaker for the dinner was Dr. Moon Tai-joon, president of the Korean National Council on Social Welfare. He is an Honorary President of the Korean Medical Association. Moon is a Former Minister of Social Welfare, a three-term Congressman, and he is a Former President of the World Medical Association. Moon is a 1950 graduate of the College of Medicine, Seoul National

University. He was a Resident, Department of Neurosurgery and a Fellow, Department of Neurology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. Moon has served as the Chairman and Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, College of Medicine at Yonsei University. He has received a Doctor of Medical Science Degree, Nippon University, Tokyo, Japan. Moon has also received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree, Thomas Jefferson University.

During his welcome and opening remarks, Huycke thanked the medical and dental consultants for their "gracious cooperation" in helping the 18th MEDCOM to meet the unique challenges of taking care of patients in Korea.

As part of the ceremonies, Huycke presented Certificates of Appreciation to the seven Korean hospitals with which the 18th MEDCOM has established

formal Memorandums of Agreement. These MOUs help to ensure the 18th MEDCOM's ability to coordinate the care that its beneficiaries receive within the Korean health care system.

During his speech Moon marveled at the opportunity for both group of doctors and

dentists, Korean and American, to grow from shared experiences, collaboration, and social bonding. At the conclusion of his speech, Huycke presented Moon with the 18th MEDCOM commander's coin, a gift that Moon promised to treasure.

Thrift Shop reopens



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

The Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop, managed by the American Women's Club Thrift Shop Association, reopened March 31 with 186 sales and a gross income of \$3,130, according to Kathy Stilson, store manager. New operating hours are Monday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.